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SUBJECT

: Publication of CIA Casualty Estimates

1. This is in reference to the injunction against the publication of reports given wide distribution which would include CIA estimates of cascalties in North Vietnem. The only publication containing these estimates which was given wide distribution was the joint CIA/DIA study. "An Appraisal of the Effects of the First Year of Bosbing in North Vietnem" (SC No. 06437/66), 1 June 1966. You will recall that this was the desensitized version of NoMemora I. The easualty estimates presented in that report way for onlendar year 1969.

- 2. Since then the only published data containing our estimates of committee are the so-called McManara reports. All of these have, of course, had extremoly limited distribution. We propose shortly to suggest the joint publication of those portions of McManara IV which would correspond to the joint CIA/DIA publication cited above. We will, of course, not include the casualty estimates in this publication.
- 3. The injunction to restrict dissemination of our casualty estimates will prove helpful in resisting Department of State pressures that we include casualty estimates in the monthly MA-CIA publication essessing the helling Thunder Program. These pressures have been increasing of late although we have consistently resisted them and have been able to persuade MA to adopt the same stance when the requests were directed to them.

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